3084 West 4th Avenue and 2010 Balaclava Street

Public Hearing

February 11, 2021





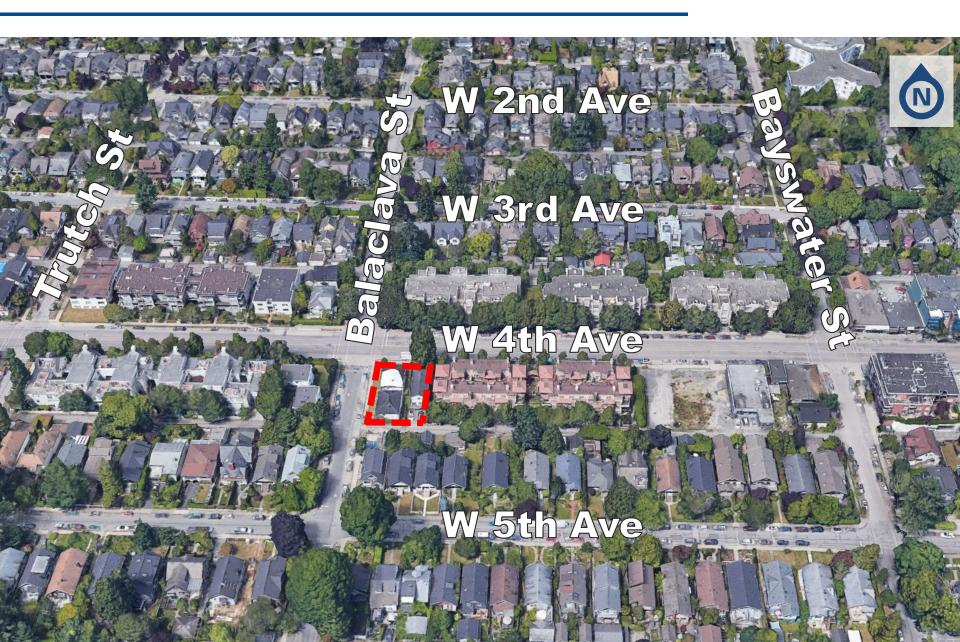
Site & Surrounding Zoning





Existing Site and Context





Context: Current Site





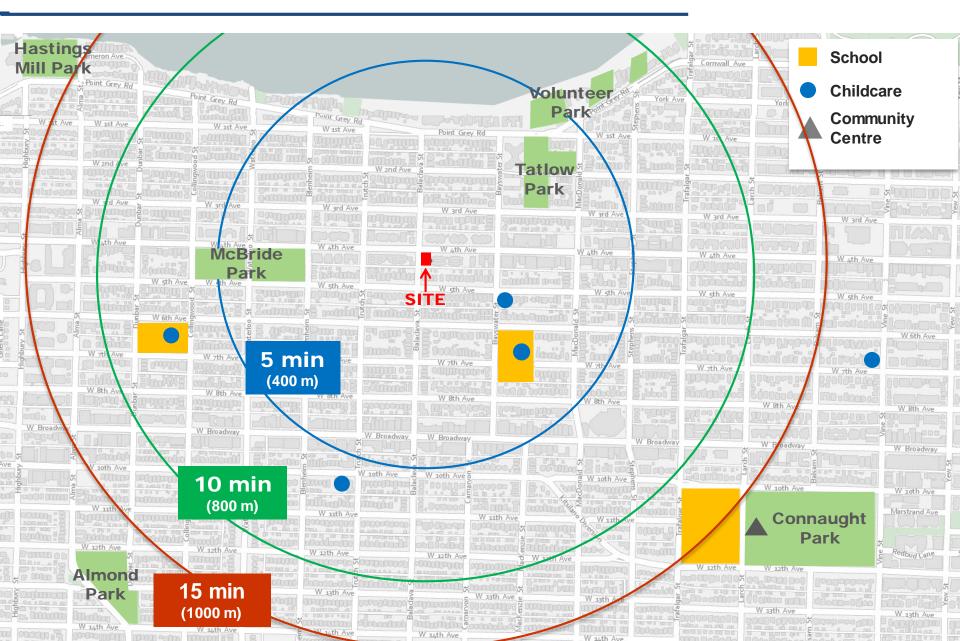
Context: Current Site





Amenities - Walking Distance





Enabling Policy





- Housing Vancouver Strategy approved in 2017
- Secured Rental Units
- 20,000 new units, 4,000 below market rates



MODERATE INCOME RENTAL HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM: APPLICATION PROCESS, PROJECT REQUIREMENTS AND AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

Adopted by City Council on November 28, 2017 Effective November 29, 2017

Amended December 15, 2017, May 4, 2018, November 26, 2019

On November 26, 2019, Council approved amendments to the Moderate Income Rental Housing Pilot Program: Application Process, Project Requirements and Available Incentives originally approved by Council on November 28, 2017. The amendments include the following:

- Extension of the timeline of the pilot to enable staff to continue to select up to 20 proposals to submit rezoning applications until January 1, 2021
- Addition of a new consideration for large developments as defined by the Rezoning Policy for Sustainable Large Developments in Section 3g
- Clarification of additional requirements in Section 2d
- Updated information regarding available incentives in Section 3
- Removal of outdated administrative information in Section 1

This bulletin provides information on the application process, project requirements and incentives approved by City Council on November 29, 2017 (including amendments) relating to the construction of moderate income rental housing.

Beginning January 1, 2018, the City will begin accepting development proposals for new buildings where 100% of the residential floor area is secured rental housing and at least 20% of the residential floor area that is counted in the calculation of the floor space ratio is made available to moderate income households; earning between \$30,000 and \$80,000 year. As per Council direction, rental units for moderate income households will be provided in a variety of unit types (studios, 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms).

This is a pilot program to test and demonstrate what is possible in different parts of the city. Staff will select up to 20 proposals to submit full rezoning applications between Jamuary 1 2018 and July 1 2019. On November 26, 2019, Council extended the timeline of the pilot to enable staff to continue to select up to 20 proposals to submit full rezoning applications until Jamuary 1, 2021. All applications will proceed through a full rezoning process including public hearing. Following the pilot program. Staff will report back to City Council with lessons learned and, if appropriate, recommendations for a new, long term program to encourage the construction of moderate income rental housing.

November 26, 2019

- MIRHPP adopted in 2017
- Limited to 20 proposals

Moderate Income Rental Housing Pilot Program VANCOUVER



Features				
Intent	Deliver below market rental units for households earning between \$30,000 to \$80,000 per year			
Policy	100% secured rental with minimum 20% of residential floor area dedicated to moderate income units Affordability, net new rental units, minimal impacts on existing renters, unit mix, proximity to transit and amenities, context and neighbourhood fit			
Selection Criteria				
Height and Density for RM Zones	Consider redevelopment of a limited number of highly underutilized sites with a low number of existing tenants – buildings with a maximum of 3 existing rental units.			
	Up to 6 storeys on arterials.			

Proposal



- Application: January 23, 2020
- 35 secured rental units
 - 8 studios
 - 14 one-bedroom
 - 13 two-bedroom
- Floor area: 2,027 m² (21,823 sq.ft.)
- 15 underground parking stalls; 54 bike spaces
- Height: 19.3 m (63.4 ft.)
- Density: 2.95 FSR









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If approved, the project would generate approximately 122 on-site and off-site construction jobs.





Renting vs Ownership



	Moderate Income Units		Newer Rental Buildings – Westside ²		Median-Priced Ownership Unit – Westside ³	
Unit Type	Average Starting Rents	Average Household Income required ¹	Average Rent	Average Household Income Served ¹	Monthly Costs of Ownership	Average Household Income Served ¹
Studio	\$950	\$38,000	\$1,804	\$72,160	\$2,819	\$112,760
1 Bedroom	\$1,200	\$48,000	\$1,999	\$79,960	\$3,413	\$136,520
2 Bedroom	\$1,600	\$64,000	\$3,059	\$122,360	\$5,191	\$207,640
3 Bedroom	\$2,000	\$80,000	\$3,876	\$155,040	\$8,571	\$342,840



MIR Rents



	Moderate Income Rental				
	Average Starting Rents	Average Household Income Served	Households By Occupation that may be able to afford the unit ¹		
studio	\$950	\$38,000	Graphic Arts Technician or Health Services Assistant		
1-bed	\$1,200	\$48,000	Auto Service Technician or Vocational Instructor		
2-bed	\$1,600	\$64,000	Two income household: Transit Driver and Admin Assistant		
3-bed	\$2,000	\$80,000	Two income household: Maintenance Worker and Carpenter		



Financial Statement



- 35 secured rental units
- 8 moderate income units
- No Community
 Amenity
 Contribution
 (CACs)

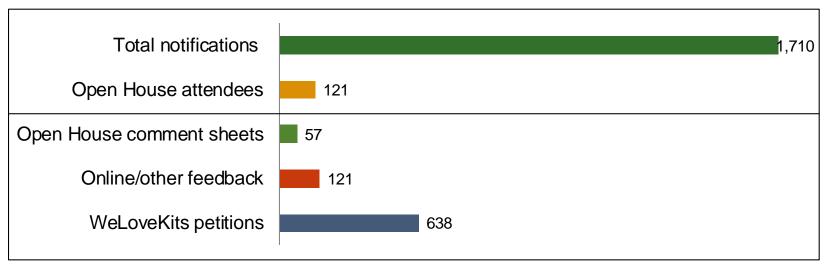


Public Consultation



Pre-application
Open House
February 27, 2019

City-hosted In-person Open House March 11, 2020



^{*} All numbers shown above are approximate

Public Consultation: What We Heard





Support

- Provision of rental housing
- Building height, density, and design
- Proximity to transit

Concerns

- Building height, density, design & neighbourhood context
- Local school capacity
- Tree protection
- Parking, traffic and safety
- Consultation process

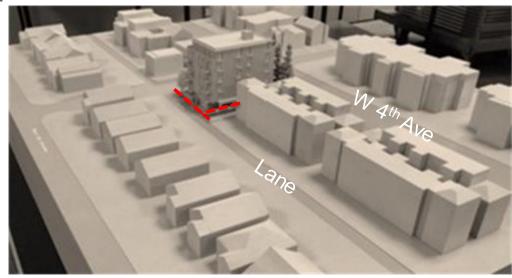
Response to Feedback: Building Height, Design & Density





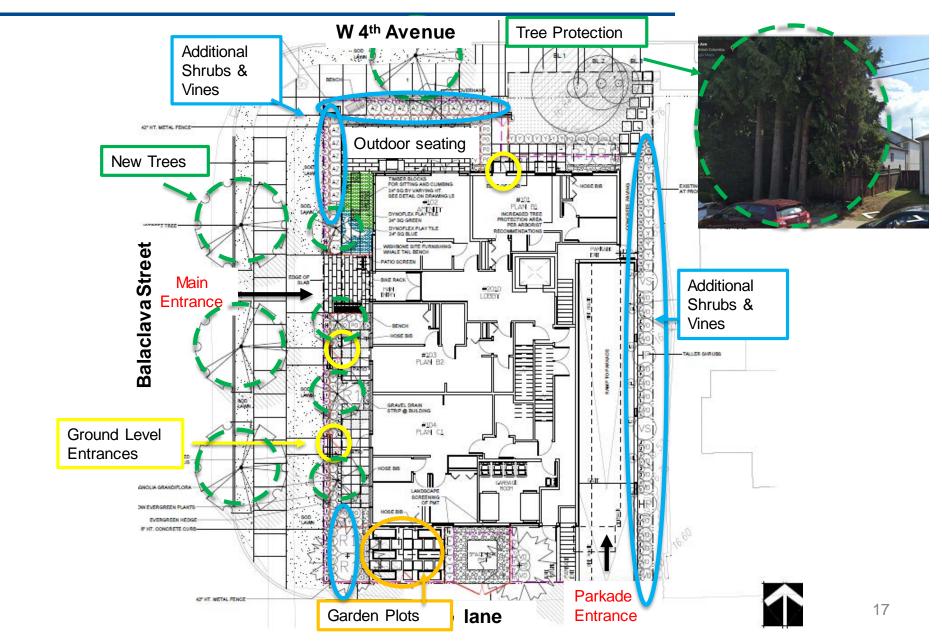
Response:

- Building setback above 5th floor
- Reduced height by 3 ft.
- Design conditions to improve building design and augment landscaping at Development Permit



Response to Feedback: Neighbourhood Context





Response to Feedback: Kitsilano Neighbourhood Context









A vibrant pedestrian-friendly area with visual interest created by:

- Multiple building scales, architectural styles, and roof forms
- Variation in use of materials, texture and colour
- Large trees, and extensive landscaping and features

Response to Feedback: Neighbourhood Context













- Enhanced use of textured siding and colour for visual interest
- Increased landscaping and ground floor entries
- Further building and landscape design at Development Permit







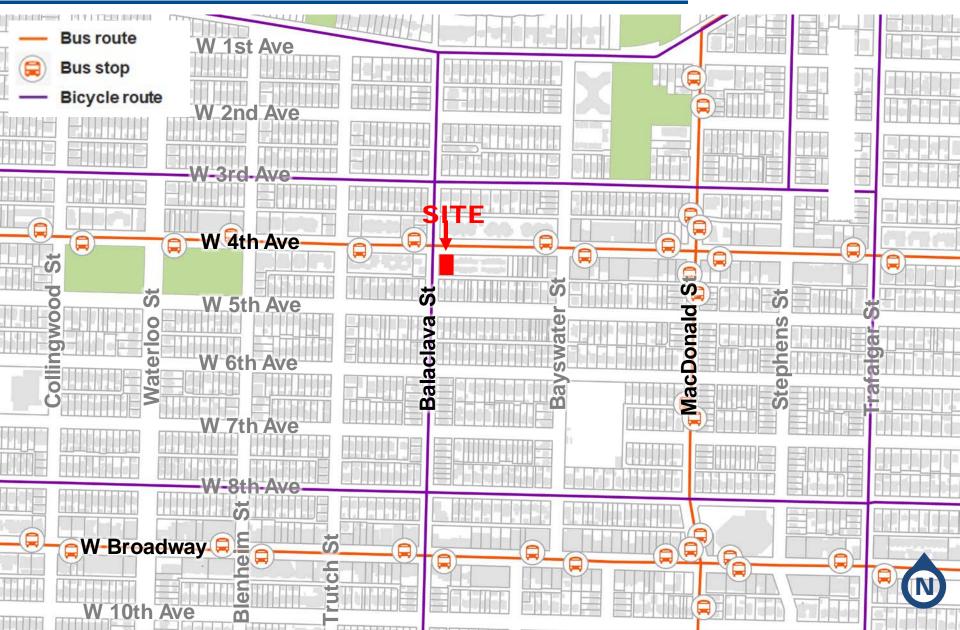






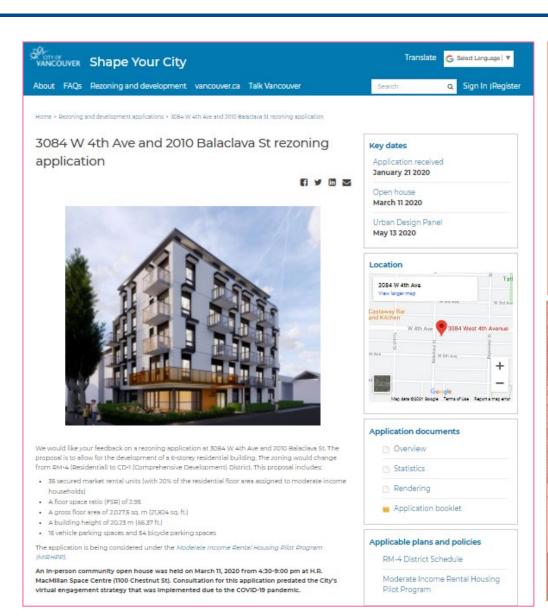
Response to Feedback: Parking, traffic, and safety

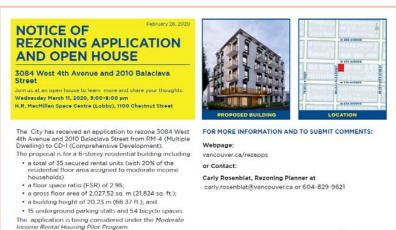




Response to Feedback: Consultation Process









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Conclusion





- Meets the intent of the MIRHP Program.
- Delivers 35 secured rental units with approximately 8 moderate income units
- Staff recommend approval